REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING CITY OF WATERTOWN January 20, 2004 7:00 P.M.

MAYOR JEFFREY A GRAHAM PRESIDING

PRESENT: COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY

COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS

COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF

MAYOR GRAHAM

ALSO PRESENT: CITY MANAGER MARY M. CORRIVEAU

ATTORNEY ROBERT J. SLYE

City Manager Corriveau presented the following reports to the Council:

- 1 Reappointment to the Assessment Board of Review, Joseph Pangallo
- 2 Appointment to the Assessment Board of Review, David R.Steyer
- 3 Reappointment to the Board of Ethics, Mary M. Corriveau
- 4 Reappointment to the Board of Ethics, Bruce E. Dempster
- 5 Reappointment to the Board of Ethics, Thomas J. Roman
- 6 Reappointment to the Board of Ethics, Arthur C. Stever III
- 7 Reappointment to the Transportation Commission, Kelley Lamoree
- 8 Reappointment to the Transportation Commission, Elsie Gressler
- 9 Reappointment to the Transportation Commission, Jennie Adsit
- 10 Designation of Polling Places 2004
- 11 Amendment No. 43 to the Management and Management Confidential Pay Plan
- 12 Approving Data Processing Service Agreement, Watertown City School District
- 13 Approving Lease Agreement Between the City of Watertown and the Jefferson County Agricultural Society
- 14 Approving the Request to Amend the Existing Special Use Permit at 604 W. Main Street, Parcel No. 1-02-113
- 15 Approving Bid, Vehicle Exhaust System, Air Cleaning Systems, Inc.
- 16 Authorizing the Issuance of \$45,000 Serial Bonds of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, to Pay the Cost of the Purchase and Installation of Vehicle Exhaust Systems at Various Fire Stations, In and For Said City
- 17 Amendment to Municipal Code, Section 293-65 No Stopping Certain Hours South Side of East Hoard Street
- 18 Monthly Financial Report
- 19 2004 Small Cities CDBG Application Public Hearings

COMPLETE REPORTS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Meeting opened with a moment of silence in memory of Frank Colella, a long-time City employee who died this past weekend.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of January 5, 2004 was dispensed with and accepted as written by motion of Councilwoman Burns, seconded by Councilman Clough and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

COMMUNICATIONS

From the City Planning Board recommending that the City Council grant the special use permit amendment request submitted by James O'Connor of Ronnoco of Watertown, Inc.

ABOVE PLACED ON FILE

From Daniel Stern, Executive Director of JRC thanking the City's Fire Department for their quick response to a JRC residence on Parker Street.

ABOVE PLACED ON FILE

Mayor Graham proclaimed the month of January as **National Mentoring Month** in the City of Watertown. Anita Seigfried-Brown accepted the proclamation on behalf of ASAC.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Samuel Thomas, 324 Winslow Street, addressed the chair concerning the Iron Block and the need to stabilize it as opposed to demolition. He commented that demolition would not only destroy the building, it would also destroy our social history. He commented that the loss of the Iron Block would result in a hole with no plans for rejuvenation. He referred to the fact that when Public Square was designated as a historic district, the Iron Block was one of the anchors and focal points. Mr. Thomas also referred to prior reports by engineers and state agencies indicating that the Iron Block is a very important part of Watertown's history and is worth stabilizing. Mr. Thomas also discussed funding that might be available for stabilization. He also mentioned that the Neighbors of Watertown has indicated that there is interest in it and commented that while this would all take time, demolition would result in a long time empty space in the downtown.

<u>Jeff Smith</u>, Keyes Avenue, addressed the chair also in support of stabilizing the Iron Block. He referred to the fact that it would be wiser and more cost effective to stabilize the building. He questioned why anything would be demolished when development is beginning to expand. He also referred to the National Development Council magazine, which has an article concerning the revitalization of downtown Watertown. He also asked what Council had planned for the property if it was demolished. He referred to grant monies and historic tax credits that would be lost for the future if the demolition

occurred. He also commented that this would be like the urban renewal program, which we know did not work.

Alma Carman, 123 Mullin Street and downtown business owner, addressed the chair explaining that when each building is put together in a historic district, the whole is greater than the sum of the individual buildings. She stated that she didn't understand the rush to demolish

Mary Clemo-Smith, 1106 State Street, addressed the chair explaining that people haven't come forward because many felt that it was a decision that had already been made. In addition, the public has not been privy to reading all the reports on these buildings. She commented that the engineer indicated that the buildings are not ready to cave in. She also questioned what would happen if the three buildings were demolished and the building housing the pizza shop was damaged in the demolition. She commented that the pizza shop could move and would come off the tax rolls and questioned who would pay for the repairs or the demolition of that building.

Michael Mitchell, owner of P&M Construction, addressed the chair stating that he feels the City has taken down too many buildings. He explained that his firm recently bought the building at 759 Starbuck and is doing renovations to it. He commented that Neighbors of Watertown has a proven track record in the City and his firm has worked with them on residential renovations. Mr. Mitchell remarked that downtown has a lot of potential and he would not like to see the Iron Block demolished.

RESOLUTIONS

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that Joseph Pangallo, 530 N. Hycliff Drive, Watertown, New York is hereby reappointed to the Assessment Board of Review for a five-year term commencing October 1, 2003 and expiring on September 30, 2008.

SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that David R. Steyer, 1105 Salina Street, Watertown, New York is hereby appointed to the Assessment Board of Review, to fill the unexpired term of Theresa Stoodley. This term commences immediately and expires on December 31, 2004.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS

RESOLVED that the following individual is hereby reappointed to the City of Watertown's Board of Ethics for a term expiring on December 31, 2004:

Mary M. Corriveau 241 Clinton Street Watertown, New York 13601

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF

RESOLVED that the following individual is hereby reappointed to the City of Watertown's Board of Ethics for a term expiring on December 31, 2004:

Bruce E. Dempster 148 E. Hoard Street Watertown, New York 13601

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS

RESOLVED that the following individual is hereby reappointed to the City of Watertown's Board of Ethics for a term expiring on December 31, 2004:

Thomas J. Roman 444 Lachenauer Drive Watertown, New York 13601

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF

RESOLVED that the following individual is hereby reappointed to the City of Watertown's Board of Ethics for a term expiring on December 31, 2004:

Arthur C. Stever III 304 Paddock Street

Watertown, New York 13601

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that Kelley Lamoree is hereby reappointed to the Transportation Commission for a three-year term expiring April 1, 2006.

SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that Elsie Gressler is hereby reappointed to the Transportation Commission for a three-year term expiring April 1, 2006.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that Jennie Adsit is hereby reappointed to the Transportation Commission for a three-year term expiring April 1, 2006.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH

RESOLVED that the following are hereby designated as places for voting in the City of Watertown for the ensuing year, pursuant to the provision of the New York State Election Law:

Legislative District 12-1	Municipal Building
12-2	Emma Flower Taylor Fire Station
12-3	Emma Flower Taylor Fire Station\
12-4	State Office Building
12-5	State Office Building
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Legislative District 13-1	Emmanuel Congregational Church
Legislative District 13-1 13-2	Emmanuel Congregational Church Municipal Building
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13-2	Municipal Building

Legislative District 14-1	North Side Improvement League
14-2	Watertown Industrial Center
14-3	Meadow Brook Apartments Community Room
Legislative District 15-1	North Side Improvement League
15-2	LeRay Street Apartments
15-3	Jefferson Co. Fair Building
15-4	Jefferson Co. Fair Building
15-5	Midtown Towers

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves Amendment No. 43 to the Management and Management Confidential Pay Plan, effective January 1, 2004, as follows:

Library III Director \$60,000 Librarian III \$48,030

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY AND CARRIED WITH ALL YEA

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Councilman Clough asked about the salary levels.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that the library board negotiated the salary for Library III Director. The Librarian III is the position that Ann Swartz is moving back into after being interim director and takes into account the last 2% raise that was given to management employees. She indicated that the previous director was making \$59,750 when he finished on March 18, 2003.

Councilwoman Burns indicated that there would be added duties to the director's position. She also commented that we are very fortunate to have Mrs. Wheeler as Library Director.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH

WHEREAS the City of Watertown has computer equipment which has automated the functions performed within the City Assessment Department, and

WHEREAS the City Assessor's Office is responsible for maintaining the records for all real property within the City of Watertown, and

WHEREAS the City has the ability to produce assessment rolls, print tax bills and maintain the data needed to accomplish these tasks, and

WHEREAS the Watertown City School District has a need for the services offered by the City's Assessment and Information Technology Departments,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown approves the Data Processing Service Agreement with the Watertown City School District, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, Mary M. Corriveau, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Watertown

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF

WHEREAS, the City is a municipal corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York, and, as such, owns a facility known as the Alex T. Duffy Fairgrounds (the "Fairgrounds") within the City of Watertown, and the Fairgrounds is a community recreational facility; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to promote future recreational activities at the Fairgrounds for the valid public purpose of the benefit, recreation, entertainment, amusement, convenience and welfare of the people of the City; and

WHEREAS, in pursuit of that public purpose, the City has agreed to permit the Society to use, possess, operate, manage and maintain a small portion of real property within the Fairgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the Society occupies a portion of the real property within the Fairgrounds area and has constructed facilities thereon to permit it to perform functions which advance those valid public purposes as set forth above; and

WHEREAS, the City is in need of storage space for equipment, materials and supplies routinely used in the advancement of the above public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Society has storage space available in a portion of their facility and is willing to lease a small portion of the same to the City,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves the Lease Agreement between the City of Watertown and the Jefferson County Agricultural Society, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Manager Mary M. Corriveau is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Watertown.

SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY

WHEREAS the City Council approved a Special Use Permit on September 7, 1999 to operate an Auto Repair Shop and Used Car Sales Business at 604 W. Main, Parcel No. 1-02-113, and

WHEREAS James O'Connor of Ronnoco of Watertown, Inc., has made application to amend the existing Special Use Permit, and

WHEREAS the Jefferson County Planning Board reviewed the project at its meeting held on November 25, 2003, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 239-m, and adopted a motion that the project does not have any significant County-wide or intermunicipal issues and is of local concern only, and

WHEREAS the Planning Board of the City of Watertown reviewed the request for the Special Use Permit amendment at its January 6, 2004 meeting, and recommended that the City Council of the City of Watertown approve the request to amend the existing Special Use Permit as follows:

- 1. Eliminate the condition placed on property at 618-620 W. Main Street prohibiting parking cars, junk or otherwise, on either side of the fence.
- 2. Add the following clarification: Used vehicles for sale, which need obvious repairs (e.g. have no windshield, no axle, severe body damage), to be legally operated on a public highway will be parked only in the rear of the 604 W. Main Street property, where they may be repaired before display as vehicles for sale at the front of the premises.
- 3. Add the following: Only vehicles which meet the State definition of used vehicle may be stored and offered for sale at the 604 W. Main Street property and such vehicles shall not be considered "abandoned", "junked", "dangerous", or "unused".

- 4. Add the following: No vehicles which are incapable of being repaired to either be legally operated on a public highway or pass a New York State Motor Vehicle Inspection will be placed or stored on the property at 604 W. Main Street.
- 5. Fencing will be placed to enclose the rear of 604 W. Main Street prior to June 30, 2004.
- 6. Vehicles parked in the used car lot have the appearance that the vehicle is capable of being driven off the lot.

And,

WHEREAS a public hearing was held on the proposed Special Use Permit on February 2, 2004, after due public notice, and

WHEREAS the City Council has reviewed the Short Environmental Assessment Form, responding to each of the questions contained in Part 2 and has determined that the project, as submitted, is Unlisted and will not have a significant effect on the environment,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown declares that the proposed amendment to the existing Special Use Permit at 604 W. Main Street, Parcel No. 1-02-113, constitutes an Unlisted Action for the purposes of SEQRA and hereby determines that the project, as proposed, will not have a significant effect on the environment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that the existing Special Use Permit at 604 W. Main Street, Parcel No. 1-02-113 is hereby amended so that the only conditions placed by resolution on the use of the property as an auto repair shop and used car sales business are as follows:

- 1. Only vehicles that meet the State definition of used vehicle may be stored and offered for sale at the 604 W. Main Street property and such vehicles shall not be considered "abandoned", "junked", "dangerous", or "unused".
- 2. No vehicles that are incapable of being repaired to either be legally operated on a public highway or pass a New York State Motor Vehicle Inspection will be placed or stored on the property at 604 W. Main Street.
- 3. Only vehicles that have the appearance of being capable of being driven off the lot shall be parked in front of the building.
- 4. Vehicles for sale, which need obvious repairs (e.g. have no windshield, no axle, severe body damage), to be legally operated on a public highway will be parked only in the rear of the 604 W. Main Street property, where they may be repaired before display as vehicles for sale at the front of the premises. The rear portion of the property

will be completely fenced in to separate it from the front of the premises and the junkyard at 618-620 W. Main Street by June 30, 2004.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILWOMAN BURNS TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2004 AT 7:45 P.M.

MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BRADLEY AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF

WHEREAS in 2002, the City of Watertown awarded a bid for the installation of a Plymo-Vent vehicle exhaust system at the Massey Street Fire Station, and

WHEREAS the 2003-04 Capital Budget contains an authorized project in the amount of \$45,000 for the purchase and installation of a Plymo-Vent vehicle exhaust system for the Mill and State Street Fire Stations, and

WHEREAS to maintain uniformity of operation, parts, and service and to allow for the transfer of one of the existing Plymo-Vent units from the Massey Street Station to the State Street Station without voiding the warranty, an authorized installer is required, and

WHEREAS Air Cleaning Systems Inc., is the sole authorized installer in New York State for the Plymo-Vent vehicle exhaust system, and

WHEREAS under NYS Law governing competitive bidding, where there is no possibility of competition, a monopolistic situation exists and the courts therefore do not require the formality of inviting proposals, and

WHEREAS Air Cleaning Systems, Inc. has provided a quotation to the City of Watertown, and said quotation has been reviewed by the Fire Chief and the Purchasing Agent and they have reached a determination that the quotation is reasonable,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby accepts the quotation submitted by Air Cleaning Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$43,670. for the purchase and installation of a Plymo-Vent vehicle exhaust system for the Mill and State Street Fire Stations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Manager Mary M. Corriveau is hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents in connection with this quotation on behalf of the City of Watertown.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves Amendment No. 44 to the Management and Management Confidential Pay Plan, effective February 2, 2004, as follows:

Downtown Development Specialist

\$40,000

SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

(Unanimous consent moved by motion of Councilman Clough, seconded by Councilman Bradley and carried with all voting in favor thereof.)

ORDINANCES

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF

WHEREAS, all conditions precedent to the financing of the capital project hereinafter described, including compliance with the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, have been performed; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the financing of such capital project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, as follows:

- Section 1. For the specific object or purpose of paying the cost of the purchase and installation of vehicle exhaust systems at various fire stations, in and for the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, there are hereby authorized to be issued \$45,000 serial bonds of said City pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.
- Section 2. It is hereby determined that the maximum estimated cost of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is \$45,000 and that the plan for the financing thereof is by the issuance of the \$45,000 serial bonds of said City authorized to be issued pursuant to this bond ordinance; provided, however, that the amount of serial bonds ultimately to be issued will be reduced by the amount of any State and, or Federal aid received by said City for such specific object or purpose.

- Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is ten years, pursuant to subdivision 13 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.
- Section 4. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said City Comptroller, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.
- Section 5. The faith and credit of said City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said City, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.
- Section 6. Such bonds shall be in fully registered form and shall be signed in the name of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Comptroller and a facsimile of its corporate seal shall be imprinted thereon and may be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Clerk.
- Section 7. The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as he shall deem best for the interests of the City, provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, he shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The receipt of the City Comptroller shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money.
- Section 8. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds, including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the City by the facsimile signature of the City Comptroller, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the City), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the City Comptroller. It is hereby determined that it is to the financial advantage of the City not to impose and collect from registered owners of such serial bonds any charges for mailing, shipping and insuring bonds transferred or exchanged by the fiscal agent, and,

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accordingly, pursuant to paragraph c of Section 70.00 of the Local Finance Law, no such charges shall be so collected by the fiscal agent. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals in addition to those required by section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the City Comptroller shall determine.

Section 9. This ordinance shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this ordinance, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 10. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said City is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this ordinance are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 11. This ordinance, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in full in the Watertown Daily Times, the official newspaper, together with a notice of the City Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

(Unanimous consent moved by motion of Councilman Clough, seconded by Councilman Bradley and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Watertown that the Municipal Code, Section 293-65, No Stopping Certain Hours, is hereby amended by adding to the Schedule of Locations therein contained the following:

NAME OF STREET SIDE HOURS/DAYS LOCATION

East Hoard Street South Between 7:00 a.m. & From Lansing St.

and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Amendment to the Municipal Code shall take effect as soon as it is published once in the official newspaper of the City of Watertown or printed as the City Manager directs.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY AND CARRIED WITH AL VOTING YEA

(Unanimous consent moved by motion of Councilwoman Burns, seconded by Councilman Bradley and carried with all voting in favor thereof.)

Prior to the vote on the foregoing ordinance, Councilman Clough remarked that he didn't think that this would be the answer to the problem. He stated that this has been an ongoing problem for years and he thinks that the signs will be ignored. He also commented that he thought the City Council was addressing a problem that the school board should be addressing.

Mrs. Corriveau commented that there have been a number of discussions with the school district. The City is concerned about the dangerous conditions created when some children try to cross East Hoard Street due to the fact that there is no turnaround for cars and parents use both side of the street to drop off and pick up their children. The nostopping law would mean parents could no longer let their children out across the street from the school.

Chief Piche explained that the traffic problems also result in a crowded street that, at times, doesn't allow normal traffic to pass much less larger emergency vehicles. He also explained that this ordinance is no different than what was done at other schools in the City and it has worked out very well.

Councilwoman Burns also commented that it has worked out well at Sherman School and remarked that there is a school employee who is outside during the times for drop off and pick up. This seems to deter any parking problems.

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COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

CDBG Public Hearings

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILWOMAN BURNS TO SCHEDULE A
PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2004 AT 7:30 P.M. AND A

PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, MARCH, 1, 2004 AT 7:30 P.M. TO DISCUSS THE 2004 SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN CLOUGH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.

State Budget

Mrs. Corriveau advised Council that she had supplied them with copies of portions of Governor Pataki's budget remarks.

Work Session

Council agreed to hold February's work session on February 23rd.

Iron Block

Mayor Graham referred to the meeting, which Mr. Thomas mentioned.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that she and Mr. Mix would be meeting with the group on Thursday at 4 p.m.

Mayor Graham asked about the reports and asked if Council could get information pertaining to the buildings. Mrs. Corriveau will provide copies of the reports to Council.

Mayor Graham asked if Council could get a tour of the buildings. Mrs. Corriveau will arrange it.

Mayor Graham also asked about the funding for stabilization.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that those funds are EPF funds. She explained that staff had previously been give direction to prepare bid documents for demolition and therefore they had not looked any further into stabilization funding.

ADJOURNMENT

AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR MEETING WAS DULY ADJOURNED AT 7:48
P.M. BY MOTION OF COUNCILMAN CLOUGH, SECONDED BY
COUNCILMAN BRADLEY AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR
THEREOF.

Donna M. Dutton

City Clerk